

A FACT SHEET ON FEMALE STUDIES

Since the summer of 1970, the Commission on the Status of Women of the Modern Language Association has functioned as a clearinghouse for women's studies. There are now more than 600 courses in our files and descriptions of some 300, as well as descriptions of 17 women's studies programs. We welcome inquiries and we expect to continue to function as a clearinghouse for so long as that seems useful. From time to time, we will issue fact sheets.

Some notes on courses and programs: There are more courses in the northern than in the southern part of the country; most on both coasts and in the midwest, around Chicago. The states having the largest numbers of individual courses are California, New York, Massachusetts, and then Illinois, in that order. Programs--that is, groups of courses organized at a particular institution in a coherent manner--are to be found on both coasts: from San Diego to Seattle; and in the east, from Maryland and New Jersey to Massachusetts and Vermont, with slight detours to Pittsburgh and Buffalo. For those who know the women's movement, it is clear that the Programs follow its path.

Degree-granting programs: M.A., Cambridge-Goddard Institute; B.A., Richmond College (CUNY), University of Washington; major with an emphasis on women, Douglass College (N.J.) and San Francisco State College.

Publications available from KNOW, Inc. (Box 86031, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232):

1. The New Guide to Current Female Studies. eds. Carol Ahlum and Florence Howe for the MLA Commission. A directory of over 600 courses, arranged alphabetically by institution, including addresses. October 15, 1971, 30pp. \$.75.
2. Female Studies I. ed. Sheila Tobias. 17 course descriptions and bibliographies, chiefly social science. Fall 1970, 77pp. \$2.00 (plus .25 for postage and handling).
3. Female Studies II. ed. Florence Howe for the MLA Commission on Women. 66 course descriptions and bibliographies plus 5 essays. December 1970. 165pp. \$4.00 (plus .25 postage and handling).
4. Female Studies III. eds. Florence Howe and Carol Ahlum for the MLA Commission on Women. Includes the New Guide, 54 new course descriptions and bibliographies, and descriptions of 17 women's studies programs. Brief introduction. December 1971. 190pp. \$4.25 (plus .25 postage and handling).
5. Female Studies IV. eds. Elaine Showalter and Carol Ohmann for the MLA Commission. Includes an overview of feminist studies and seven essays by teachers, as well as several bibliographical reports and reviews of current anthologies. December 1971. 80pp. \$2.00 (plus .25 postage and handling).
6. American Women and American Studies. ed. Betty Chmaj for the Women's Commission of the American Studies Association. Includes a few course syllabi and essays, comparative analysis of several reports on the status of academic women, and a personal, vivid account of the effect of the women's movement on academic women. Fall 1971. 260pp. \$3.00 (.25 postage and handling).

Other publications: The Women's History Research Center (2325 Oak Street, Berkeley, California 94708) contains the only complete archive of material by and about the women's movement. The library includes topical indices on women

as well as directories of women's periodicals, tapes and research projects. Microfilming is in progress. Information and a brochure are available on request; supporting members pay \$3.00 and get regular publications; contributions--essential to support the work of the Center--are tax deductible.

A Female Studies Newsletter is being organized, temporarily to be edited by Janice Law Trecker (33 Westfield Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06119). For the next several months, the Newsletter will appear on a page of THE SPOKESWOMAN (ed. Susan Davis, 5464 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60615, which appears monthly for an annual subscription of \$7.00). If you would like to see an independent Newsletter begun this spring--probably at a subscription rate of \$3.50 for 6 issues annually--write to Janice Trecker and say so. Send her also your news, comments, queries, etc.

Job Opportunities in Women's Studies. At the moment, there are not many universities actively seeking teaching personnel in women's studies. On the other hand, there are jobs (5 at SUNY/Buffalo and 5 at the University of Pittsburgh; contact Ann Scott, in English at SUNY/Buffalo and Dean Rae Siporin at Pittsburgh for more information) for women who are qualified in a discipline in addition to women's studies.

Cornell is still interviewing for a director of the Female Studies Program. Contact: Judy Long Laws, Psychology, Cornell. Ditto, Barnard--contact: Catherine Stimpson, English.

A major mid-western university is looking for an assistant professor capable of teaching women's history. Contact Sheila Tobias, Wesleyan, Middletown, Connecticut, 06457, for further information.

Goddard College is looking for a woman to teach women's studies full-time. Contact Marilyn Salzman-Webb.

Sheila Tobias (address above) has volunteered to receive vitas and circulate these for people interested in teaching women's studies. Janice Trecker's page of THE SPOKESWOMAN will announce jobs.

Funding for Women's Studies. The office Of Education (Washington, D.C.), the Whitney Foundation, and the Russell Sage Foundation have funded women's education projects in a small way over the past few years. Ford, Rockefeller and Carnegie are exploring the needs of women's studies and will probably be funding projects soon, though not right away. The National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Institute of Health and the National Institute of Mental Health (Washington, D.C.) will accept research proposals regarding women. Unfortunately, as of this date, the National Coalition for Research on Women's Education, which proposed to act as a clearinghouse for research on women's education, has not been funded. Contact: Esther Westerveldt, R.D.#1, Box 206, Goshen, N.Y. There is no reason why every funding agency should not be receiving well-conceived proposals on women's education and feminist studies. Every university library contains directories of foundations. Your office of development should be obliged to help you locate these.

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